

Possible ideas to initiate analysis

Name _____

"A Separate Peace"

ESSAY TEST

1. Themes Discuss how each theme surfaced in this novel and tell which character it applied to

We hate in others what we do ourselves

Gene hated Finny for being good at sports and being popular, but he wanted to be good at everything.

Gene was in search of truth but hated Brinker when he pursued it.

Lepow thought Gene was a "savage" but he was crazy too when he believed Finny was out to get him. (over)

Some people are naturally good.

Finny's naïveté toward the world and others
"There's no war"
"We're best friends"
"Everyone wins at sports"

* According to Gene, Finny couldn't fight or kill the enemy in war.
Jealously makes a person find fault in others (sour grapes)

Gene found fault with Finny's goodness, athletic ability and charisma. He thought Finny was out to sabotage his studying w/ the tree & the trip to the beach.